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FIRST LEAD CEASE-FIRE (400)

TOKYO, MONDAY, OCT. 13 (AP)-RED CHINA ANNOUNCED EARLY TODAY IT IS EXTENDING FOR ANOTHER TWO WEEKS ITS SELF-IMPOSED CEASE-FIRE IN FORMOSA STRAIT. THE FIRST SEVEN-DAY TRUCE DEADLINE EXPIRED AT MIDNIGHT.

A PEIPING RADIO BROADCAST SAID THE ORDER TO COMMUNIST FORCES OPPOSITE THE NATIONALIST ISLAND OF QUEMOY WAS EFFECTIVE AS OF 1 A.M., PEIPING TIME. THERE WERE NO REPORTS OF A RESUMPTION OF RED SHELLINGS BETWEEN THE EXPIRATION OF THE TRUCE DEADLINE AND THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE EXTENSION. 30.24

AN ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF THE COMMUNIST DEFENSE MINISTRY'S ORDER SAID: "COMRADES OF THE PEOPLE'S LIBERATION ARMY OF THE FUKIEN FRONT:

"SUSPEND THE SHELLING OF QUEMOY FOR ANOTHER TWO WEEKS STARTING FROM TODAY, SO AS TO SEE WHAT THE OPPOSITE SIDE IS GOING TO DO AND TO ENABLE OUR COMPATRIOTS ON QUEMOY, BOTH MILITARY AND CIVILIAN, TO GET SUFFICIENT SUPPLIES, INCLUDING FOOD AND MILITARY EQUIPMENT TO STRENGTHEN THEIR ENTRECHMENT."

THE COMMUNISTS DID NOT INDICATE CLEARLY WHY THEY ARE NOT RESUMING THEIR BOMBARDMENT OF QUEMOY, BUT THEY SAID THE CEASE-FIRE WOULD BE HARMFUL TO THE UNITED STATES.

THE BROADCAST SAID "TAKEN AS A WHOLE, THIS ACTION ON OUR PART DOES OURSELVES NO HARM BUT BENEFITS OTHERS.

"WHOM DOES IT BENEFIT?

"IT BENEFITS THE 10 MILLION CHINESE IN TAIWAN (FORMOSA), PENGHU (PESCADORES), QUEMOY AND MATSU; IT BENEFITS THE 650 MILLION PEOPLE OF OUR WHOLE NATION; IT HURTS ONLY THE AMERICANS.

"SOME COMMUNISTS MAY NOT YET UNDERSTAND THIS FOR THE TIME BEING...."COMRADES. YOU WILL UNDERSTAND AFTER A WHILE."

THE RED RADIO SAID THAT AMONG THE PEOPLE ON THE OFFSHORE ISLANDS "THE MAJORITY ARE PATRIOTS, ONLY A FEW ARE TRAITORS." IT SAID THE MAJORITY MUST BE ALLOWED TO ISOLATE THOSE FEW AND INDIRECTLY CALLED FOR NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE RED REGIME ON THE MAINLAND.

THE COMMUNIQUE ALSO DECLARED THAT AS "LONG AS THE KUOMINTANG IN TAIWAN (FORMOSA) HAS NOT YET ENTERED INTO PEACEFUL NEGOTIATIONS WITH US AND A REASONABLE SOLUTION HAS NOT BEEN WORKED OUT, THE CIVIL WAR CONTINUES."

IT ASKED WHAT RIGHT THE UNITED STATES HAD TO BE INVOLVED IN A WAR AMONG THE CHINESE PEOPLE. IT ADDED THAT THE UNITED STATES LACKED COMMON SENSE WHEN IT TALKS ABOUT A CEASE-FIRE TO SETTLE THE FORMOSA CRISIS.

THE STATEMENT SAID IT IS THE SACRED TASK OF RED CHINA'S 650 MILLION PEOPLE TO TAKE FORMOSA AND THE OFFSHORE ISLANDS FROM THE NATIONALISTS.

"THIS IS CHINA'S INTERNAL AFFAIR, AND NO FOREIGNER HAS ANY RIGHT TO MEDDLE WITH IT.

"THE UNITED NATIONS HAS NO RIGHT TO MEDDLE WITH IT EITHER."

THE RADIO SAID THE COMMUNIQUE WAS SIGNED BY PENG TEH HUAI, COMMUNIST MINISTER OF DEFENSE.

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PRECEDE QUEMOY CHINESE A23 (600)

BY JAMES CARY

TAIPEI, FORMOSA, MONDAY, OCT. 13 (AP)-RED CHINA'S SIEGE GUNS OPPOSITE QUEMOY REMAINED SILENT TODAY AFTER THE COMMUNISTS ANNOUNCED THEY WERE EXTENDING THEIR ORIGINAL SEVEN-DAY FORMOSA STRAIGHT CEASE-FIRE FOR TWO MORE WEEKS.

NATIONALIST CHINA--REACTING AS IT DID TO THE FIRST CEASE-FIRE--VIEWED THE RED ACTION WITH STRONG SUSPICION.

IN WASHINGTON, PRESIDENT EISENHOWER CALLED THE EXTENDED CEASE-FIRE ANNOUNCEMENT GOOD NEWS.

THE FIRST SEVEN-DAY CEASE-FIRE DEADLINE EXPIRED AT MIDNIGHT. EARLY TODAY PEIPING RADIO BROADCAST AN ORDER TO COMMUNIST FORCES OPPOSITE QUEMOY TO HOLD THEIR FIRE "FOR ANOTHER TWO WEEKS STARTING FROM TODAY." THE BROADCAST SAID THE ORDER WAS FOR THE BENEFIT OF ALL CHINESE AND WAS ISSUED BECAUSE "IT HURTS ONLY THE AMERICANS."

RED CHINA IS BITTERLY OPPOSED TO U.S. SUPPORT OF PRESIDENT CHIANG KAI-SHEK'S NATIONALIST GOVERNMENT ON FORMOSA.

THE PEIPING RADIO BROADCAST ASSERTED THE NEW CEASE-FIRE IS "TO ENABLE OUR COMPATRIOTS ON QUEMOY, BOTH MILITARY AND CIVILIAN, TO GET SUFFICIENT SUPPLIES, INCLUDING FOOD AND MILITARY EQUIPMENT TO STRENGTHEN THEIR ENTRENCHMENT."

THE FIRST CEASE-FIRE ORDERED LAST WEEK WAS DECLARED TO HAVE BEEN BASED ON "HUMANITARIAN CONSIDERATIONS" FOR THE QUEMOY ISLANDERS, UNDER RED SIEGE SINCE LAST AUG. 23. THAT CEASE-FIRE WAS CONDITIONAL, EFFECTIVE ONLY IF U.S. SHIPS HALTED CONVOY SUPPORT FOR THE NATIONALISTS.

THE U.S. NAVY QUIT CONVOYING NATIONALIST SUPPLY SHIPS UP TO THE THREE-MILE QUEMOY LIMIT. RED GUNS WITHHELD THEIR FIRE. DURING THE LAST WEEK, THE NATIONALISTS POURED GUNS, AMMUNITION AND FOOD ONTO QUEMOY WITHOUT HINDRANCE, AND BEGAN EVACUATING CHINESE CIVILIANS FROM THE ISLAND.

THE REDS, MEANTIME, HAVE BEEN REPORTED REINFORCING THEIR MAINLAND BATTERIES AND AIR FIELDS IN FUKIEN PROVINCE, OPPOSITE QUEMOY AND MATSU ISLANDS.

SAMPSON CHEN, NATIONALIST CHINA GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN, WARNED THE REDS PROBABLY WILL USE THE NEXT TWO WEEKS TO PREPARE THEIR NEXT STEP AGAINST THE FREE WORLD.

"WE SHOULD NOT LET DOWN OUR GUARD BUT STAND FIRM AND VIGILANT," SHEN SAID.

A NATIONALIST OFFICIAL OF CABINET RANK WHO DECLINED TO BE IDENTIFIED BY NAME SAID THE PURPOSE OF THE CEASE-FIRE IS TO FORCE THE UNITED STATES TO HALT CONVOY OPERATIONS AND TO RECOGNIZE RED CHINA'S CLAIM TO A 12-MILE TERRITORIAL LIMIT AT SEA.

PEIPING RADIO HAS CONSTANTLY ACCUSED U.S. SHIPS OF VIOLATING CHINESE TERRITORY BY "INTRUDING" INSIDE THE 12-MILE LIMIT, WHICH THE UNITED STATES DOES NOT RECOGNIZE, ALTHOUGH ITS CONVOY SHIPS HAD BEEN REPORTED CAREFULLY OBSERVING THE THREE-MILE LIMIT.

ADM. LIU HOH-TU, NATIONAL DEFENSE MINISTRY SPOKESMAN, REFUSED COMMENT ON THE LATEST DEVELOPMENT BECAUSE HE SAID HE HAS NOT SEEN THE TEXT OF THE COMMUNIST ORDER.

BUT A SOURCE CLOSE TO GEN. WANG (TIGER) SHU-MING, CHIEF OF THE NATIONALIST GENERAL STAFF, AND OTHER HIGH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS SAID THEY HAD EXPECTED THE EXTENSION. THEY DECLARED IT IS A TOKEN OF COMMUNIST DEFEAT IN THE WAR FOR THE OFFSHORE ISLANDS.

THE REDS LAID DOWN NO NEW CONDITIONS IN THEIR EXTENDED CEASE-FIRE.

U.S.-RED CHINA TALKS IN WARSAW ARE STILL ON. U.S. AMBASSADOR JACOB BEACM AND RED CHINA AMBASSADOR WANG PING-NAN HAVE THEIR EIGHTH SESSION WEDNESDAY. THERE WAS NO COMMENT FROM EITHER ON THE NEW PEIPING ANNOUNCEMENT BUT SOME IN WARSAW CONSIDERED THE STEP BOOSTS CHANCES FOR A SETTLEMENT OF U.S.-RED CHINA ISSUES.

IN WASHINGTON, SOME U.S. OFFICIALS PREDICTED THAT IF THE REDS KEEP ON HOLDING THEIR FIRE, AMERICAN FORCES IN THE FORMOSA AREA WILL BE REDUCED. ALREADY, MUCH OF THE QUEMOY CRISIS TENSION HAS DISAPPEARED, SOME WASHINGTON AUTHORITIES SAID. THEY SAID BOTH CEASE-FIRE ORDERS CAME INDEPENDENTLY OF THE WARSAW TALKS.

QUEMOY, HEAVILY SUPPLIED DURING THE FIRST CEASE-FIRE PERIOD, NOW IS GEARED TO STRIKE BACK WITH MASSIVE NEW FIREPOWER IF THE CEASE-FIRE IS NOT EXTENDED FURTHER.

NEW 155 MM HOWITZERS, RIFLES AND TONS OF AMMUNITION POURED OFF SEVEN LSTS (LANDING SHIPS, TANK) ONTO ALREADY FILLED QUEMOY BEACHES SUNDAY.

OTHER BIG CANNON, POSSIBLY INCLUDING MORE GIANT EIGHT-INCH HOWITZERS, WERE LANDED EARLIER DURING THE HALT IN COMMUNIST CHINA'S 44-DAY BOMBARDMENT.

THOUSANDS OF TONS OF FOODSTUFFS, BARBED WIRE, EXPLOSIVES, CEMENT AND OTHER MATERIAL OF WAR WERE ALSO BROUGHT IN BY AN ALMOST CONTINUOUS BRIDGE OF SHIPS. THEY TOOK 4,095 CIVILIAN REFUGEES BACK TO FORMOSA FROM THE BATTERED QUEMOY ISLANDS.

ALL DAY SUNDAY SWEATING SOLDIERS LOADED ARTILLERY SHELLS ONTO TRUCKS FROM HUGE PILES DEPOSITED ON THE BEACH.

THE TENSION MOUNTED AS THE DAY PROGRESSED. COMMUNIST MIGS FLEW 172 SORTIES IN 32 SEPARATE FORMATIONS OVER THE MAINLAND IN DIRECT VIEW OF THE OFFSHORE ISLAND TROOPS.

GEN. "TIGER" WANG SHU-MIN FLEW TO QUEMOY FOR A FINAL INSPECTION AND TO DECORATE OUTSTANDING SOLDIERS.

COL.DOUGLAS LANE, CHIEF U.S. MILITARY ADVISER ON THE ISLAND, WAS CALLED BACK TO TAIPEI FOR HIGH LEVEL BRIEFINGS, PRESUMABLY WITH VISITING U.S. DEFENSE SECRETARY NEIL MCELROY. LANE SAID HE WOULD RETURN TO QUEMOY IN THREE OR FOUR DAYS.

"QUEMOY IS NOW IN AS GOOD AS OR A BETTER POSITION LOGISTICALLY THAN IT WAS AUG.23," LANE SAID JUST BEFORE LEAVING. THAT DATE MARKS THE BEGINNING OF THE INTENSIVE RED ARTILLERY ATTACKS.

THERE WAS SPECULATION THE NATIONALISTS NOW COULD AND WOULD RETALIATE WITH THE SAME TREMENDOUS BARRAGES THE COMMUNISTS HAVE USED.

MCELROY FLEW INTO TAIPEI SUNDAY WITH ADM.HARRY D.FELT, U.S. PACIFIC COMMANDER, FOR THREE DAYS OF CONFERENCES.

HE IS SCHEDULED TO CONFER WITH PRESIDENT CHIANG KAI-SHEK TOMORROW AND WAS TO VISIT THE FORMOSA-BASED U.S. NIKE-HERCULES MISSILE BATTALION. BUT THE NIKE-HERCULES VISIT HAS BEEN CANCELED, THE U.S. HEADQUARTERS IN TAIPEI ANNOUNCED. IT GAVE NO REASON.

AT A PLANESIDE NEWS CONFERENCE MCELROY DENIED REPORTS HE WAS ON A MISSION TO PERSUADE CHIANG TO ACCEPT THE U.S. POSITION ON THE OFFSHORE ISLANDS. SECRETARY OF STATE DULLES HAS SUGGESTED A REDUCTION IN THE NATIONALIST OFFSHORE GARRISONS IF A DEPENDABLE CEASE-FIRE COULD BE ARRANGED.

MCELROY TALKED WITH AMERICAN F86D NIGHT FIGHTER PILOTS AT A NORTHERN FORMOSA AIRBASE AS THE CEASE-FIRE WANED.

"DO YOU EXPECT THIS TO BE A SPORTING NIGHT?" HE ASKED EIGHT ON ALERT STATUS. "NO SIR," ONE REPLIED, "BUT WE ARE PREPARED." "GOOD," SAID THE SECRETARY.

"WHEN YOU ARE PREPARED NO ONE WILL GIVE YOU TROUBLE. IT IS WHEN YOU ARE NOT PREPARED THAT THEY WILL PICK ON YOU."

MCELROY SAID THE BIG BUILDUP OF U.S. FORCES MAY REMAIN IN THE FORMOSA AREA FOR SOME TIME, WHETHER THE COMMUNISTS AGREE TO EXTEND THEIR CEASE-FIRE OR NOT.

HE ALSO INDICATED THE AMERICAN FORCES IN THE AREA WILL BE INCREASED IF COMMUNIST ACTIONS MAKE IT NECESSARY.

ON THE RESUMPTION OF AMERICAN NAVAL ESCORTS FOR NATIONALIST SUPPLY CONVOYS, MCELROY SAID:

"IF IT IS MILITARILY NECESSARY AND THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA CANNOT HANDLE THE JOB ALONE, WE WILL TAKE OUR PART AGAIN IN THAT EFFORT."

HE ADDED THAT HE HOPED U.S. FORCES WOULD NOT HAVE TO REMAIN IN THE AREA INDEFINITELY, "BUT WE HAVE NO PLANS TO WITHDRAW...AT THIS TIME AND WILL NOT UNTIL THE POSITION OF THE COMMUNIST CHINESE IS MADE CLEAR."

PEIPING RADIO SUNDAY ALSO ISSUED COMMUST CHINA'S "29TH SERIOUS WARNING" AGAINST "MILITARY PROVOCATIONS OF THE U.S." IN THE FORMOSA STRAIT. IT CLAIMED TWO AMERICAN WARSHIPS INTRUDED INTO RED CHINESE WATERS IN THE PINGTAN AND MATSU AREAS AND TWO AMERICAN FIGHTER PLANES FLEW OVER ITS AIRSPACE.

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BY GENE KRAMER

QUEMOY, MONDAY, OCT. 13 (AP)-NEWS OF RED CHINA'S 14-DAY EXTENSION OF THE CEASE-FIRE WAS SLOW IN REACHING HERE, BUT NATIONALIST QUEMOY RELAXED TODAY AFTER A TENSE NIGHT WAITING FOR THE WAR THAT DIDN'T COME.

QUEMOY'S CIVILIAN POPULATION AND MOST OF THE NATIONALIST GARRISON HERE LEARNED THE NEWS FROM A FORMOSA RADIO BROADCAST AFTER DAWN. AMERICAN MILITARY ADVISERS ON THE ISLAND KNEW IMMEDIATELY OF THE EXTENSION, HOWEVER. THEY WERE NOTIFIED BY TELEPHONE FROM FORMOSA.

THERE HAD BEEN SOME EXPECTATION THAT THE EXPIRATION OF THE ORIGINAL CEASE-FIRE AT MIDNIGHT WOULD BRING ANOTHER ROUND OF THE HEAVY SHELLING THAT ROCKED THE ISLAND FOR 44 DAYS. TROOPS WAITED IN PILLBOXES AND UNDERGROUND FORTS DURING THE NIGHT FOR PROBABLE ORDERS TO FIRE BACK IF THE REDS BEGAN A NEW BOMBARDMENT.

THE EXTENSION FOSTERED A GENERAL FEELING THAT THE COMMUNISTS NOW ARE BACKING DOWN.

ONE NATIONALIST OFFICER COMMENTED: "IT SHOWS THE COMMUNISTS HAVE NO GUTS."

ANOTHER MILITARY MAN SAID "THIS IS THE COMMUNIST WAY OF SAVING FACE AFTER THEIR BLOCKADE FAILED."

THE CEASE-FIRE EXTENSION IS EXPECTED TO BRING A STEP-UP IN EVACUATION OF CIVILIANS WHO WANT TO GO TO FORMOSA, ESPECIALLY FROM THE DEVASTATED VILAGES OF LITTLE QUEMOY.

SOME SAID THE EXTENSION MAKES IT SEEM MORE UNLIKELY THAN EVER THAT THE COMMUNISTS WILL RESUME HEAVY BOMBARDMENT FOR MILITARY REASONS. IN TWO MORE WEEKS, THE QUEMOY GARRISON CAN BRING IN UNLIMITED COMBAT SUPPLIES.

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IKE-FORMOSA

NEW YORK, OCT. 12 (AP)-PRESIDENT EISENHOWER AND SECRETARY OF STATE DULLES AGREED TODAY THAT AN EXTENSION OF THE CEASE-FIRE IN THE QUEMOY AREA PROVIDES A FURTHER OPPORTUNITY FOR THE GOVERNMENT TO WORK OUT A SETTLEMENT OF THE CRISIS IN THAT FAR EASTERN AREA.

EISENHOWER CONFERRED WITH DULLES BY TELEPHONE. THE PRESIDENT IS HERE PARTICIPATING IN VARIOUS CEREMONIES AND A BIT OF POLITICS. DULLES IS IN WASHINGTON.

DULLES INFORMED THE PRESIDENT, WHITE HOUSE PRESS SECRETARY JAMES C. HAGERTY TOLD REPORTERS, THAT THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS HAD JUST ANNOUNCED OVER RADIO PEIPING A TWO-WEEK EXTENSION OF THE CEASE-FIRE.

"AND THE PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY OF STATE AGREED," HAGERTY SAID, "THAT THIS WAS GOOD NEWS AND THAT WITH THE EXTENSION OF THE CEASE-FIRE IT AFFORDS THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES FURTHER CHANCES TO WORK OUT THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS A SETTLEMENT OF THAT PROBLEM IN THAT AREA."

ASKED WHETHER THE NEGOTIATIONS WOULD BE WITH THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS OR CHINESE NATIONALISTS, HAGERTY REPLIED: "NEGOTIATIONS COVERING ALL SIDES."

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(500 UP) FORMOSA-U.S. (ROUNDUP)
BY JOHN M. HIGHTOWER

WASHINGTON, OCT. 12 (AP)-PRESIDENT EISENHOWER HAILED AS "GOOD NEWS" TODAY RED CHINA'S EXTENSION OF THE QUEMOY CEASE-FIRE FOR TWO MORE WEEKS. HE PLEDGED THE UNITED STATES WOULD WORK FOR A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT OF THE FORMOSA STRAIT PROBLEM.

U.S. OFFICIALS PREDICTED THAT AMERICAN FORCES IN THE FORMOSA AREA WILL BE REDUCED IF THE CEASE-FIRE HOLDS UP LONG ENOUGH TO SHOW GOOD FAITH ON RED CHINA'S PART IN NOT RESUMING THE ATTACK.

TODAY'S PEIPING ANNOUNCEMENT THAT THE CEASE-FIRE IS BEING EXTENDED COULD MEAN THAT THE QUEMOY CRISIS IS OVER. CERTAINLY WASHINGTON AUTHORITIES SAID MUCH OF THE TENSION HAS DISAPPEARED.

THERE WAS MUCH LESS CERTAINTY HERE ABOUT THE ACTUAL PROSPECTS FOR ANY KIND OF SUCCESSFUL U.S.-RED CHINESE NEGOTIATIONS. THE ANNOUNCEMENT BY PEIPING RADIO SAID POINTEDLY THAT IN CONTINUING THE CEASE-FIRE AND PERMITTING A BUILDUP OF NATIONATLIST SUPPLIES ON QUEMOY THE COMMUNISTS ARE TRYING TO "DRAW A CLEAR CUT LINE BETWEEN THE CHINESE AND THE AMERICANS." ALSO WAS DECIDED BY THE REDS OUTSIDE THE WARSAW FRAMEWORK, U.S.

FURTHERMORE, IT WAS NOTED, THE FIRST SEVEN-DAY CEASE-FIRE WAS DECLARED A WEEK AGO INDEPENDENTLY OF U.S.-RED CHINESE TALKS AT WARSAW. THE TWO-WEEK EXTENSION ANNOUNCED TODAY OFFICIALS SAID.

EISENHOWR'S REACTION WAS RELAYED TO NEWSMEN BY PRESS SECRETARY JAMES C. HAGERTY AFTER THE PRESIDENT, IN NEW YORK, HAD TALKED BY TELEPHONE WITH SECRETARY OF STATE DULLES ABOUT THE DEVELOPMENT.

DULLES SPOKE WITH EISENHOWER SHORTLY BEFORE CONFERRING AT HIS WASHINGTON HOME WITH SEN. THEODORE FRANCIS GREEN (D-RI), CHAIRMAN OF THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE, ABOUT THE QUEMOY SITUATION.

HAGERTY SAID ". . . THE PRESIDENT AND THE SECRETARY OF STATE AGREED THAT THIS WAS GOOD NEWS AND THAT WITH THE EXTENSION OF THE CEASE-FIRE IT AFFORDS THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES FURTHER CHANCES TO WORK OUT THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS A SETTLEMENT OF THAT PROBLEM IN THAT AREA."

ASKED WHETHER THE NEGOTIATIONS WOULD BE WITH THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS OR THE CHINESE NATIONALISTS, HAGERTY SAID "NEGOTIATIONS COVERING ALL SIDES."

HIS REPLY SPOTLIGHTED THE FACT THAT THOUGH THE UNITED STATES IS AN ALLY OF NATIONALIST CHINA IT HAS BEEN WORKING TOWARD A KIND LE MIDDLEMAN POSITION ON THE IMMEDIATE ISSUE OF WHAT TO DO ABOUT THE FUTURE OF THE NATIONALIST-HELD COASTAL ISLANDS OF QUEMOY AND MATSU.

THE EISENHOWER ADMINISTRATION IS EXPECTED TO BRING CONSIDERABLE PRESSURE ON NATIONALIST PRESIDENT CHIANG KAI-SHEK TO REDUCE FORCES AND EVENTUALLY DEMILITARIZE THE ISLANDS IF THE REDS REMAIN PEACEFUL. AT THE SAME TIME THE UNITED STATES IS IN THE POSITION OF WORKING TOWARD COMMUNIST ACCEPTANCE OF THE SITUATION THAT THIS COUNTRY HAS NO INTENTION OF LETTING FORMOSA FALL INTO UNFRIENDLY -- THAT IS, COMMUNIST -- HANDS.

THE SUBJECT OF REDUCING U. S. FORCES IN THE FORMOSA AREA CAME UP PUBLICLY PRIOR TO THE CEASE-FIRE ANNOUNCEMENT WHEN NEIL H. MCELROY, U. S. DEFENSE SECRETARY, ARRIVED IN TAIPEI.

MCELROY SAID "WE HAVE NO PLANS TO WITHDRAW (U. S. FORCES IN THE FORMOSA AREA) AT THIS TIME." HE ADDED THAT THERE WILL BE NO WITHDRAWAL ACTION "UNTIL THE POSITION OF THE COMMUNIST CHINESE IS MADE CLEAR."

BUT MCELROY EXPRESSED HOPE THAT U. S. FORCES IN THEIR PRESENT AUGMENTED SIZE WOULD NOT HAVE TO REMAIN IN THE AREA INDEFINITELY. FOR THE UNITED STATES THE FORMOSA DEFENSE PROBLEM IS PRIMARILY A NAVAL RESPONSIBILITY WHICH HAS TURNED OVER TO THE 7TH FLEET EIGHT YEARS AGO DURING THE TRUMAN ADMINISTRATION.

WHEN TENSION IS HIGH THE FLEET IS REINFORCED WITH AIRCRAFT CARRIER AND OTHER UNITS. REINFORCEMENTS WERE DISPATCHED AFTER THE PRESENT CRISIS BEGAN AUG. 23 WITH A RED ARTILLERY BARRAGE ON QUEMOY.

OFFICIALS HERE NOTED THAT THE SAME PRACTICE FOLLOWED BY THE UNITED

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STATES WITH RESPECT TO HALTING THE CONVOY OF NATIONALIST WARSHIPS WOULD APPLY IN PRINCIPLE TO THE PRESENCE OF ENLARGED U. S. FORCES.

THE PRINCIPLE IS ONE OF "MILITARY NECESSITY."M IT WAS STATED LAST WEDNESDAY. THE REDS HAD STOPPED SHOOTING EARLY MONDAY MORNING, QUEMOY TIME (SUNDAY, WASHINGTON TIME.) THREE DAYS LATER THE STATE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT CHINESE SUPPLY VESSELS FOR QUEMOY WERE NO LONGER BEING ESCORTED BY U. S. WARSHIPS BECAUSE THERE WAS NO MILITARY NEED FOR ESCORT.

SIMILARLY, AN INDEFINITE OR VERY LONG CEASE-FIRE WOULD REDUCE THE MILITARY NECESSITY FOR SUCH LARGE U. S. FORCES AS ARE NOW OPERATING IN THE AREA ALTHOUGH THE RELATIVELY SMALL UNITS STATIONED ON FORMOSA ITSELF FOR THE DEFENSE OF THE MAIN NATIONALIST STRONGHOLD ARE NOT EXPECTED TO BE WITHDRAWN OR REDUCED.

U. S. OFFICIALS HAD EXPRESSED HOPE THAT THE REDS WOULD AGREE TO EXTEND THE CEASE-FIRE BEYOND TODAY'S DEADLINE. DULLES SAID EARLY IN THE WEEK THAT ONE THING WAS SURE: IF THE REDS RESUMED THE FIGHTING AFTER HALTING IT FOR A WEEK FOR HUMANITARIAN REASONS THEY WOULD FACE "WORLDWIDE CONDEMNATION."

EXPERTS HERE WERE NOT IMMEDIATELY CERTAIN ABOUT THE REAL PURPOSE OF TODAY'S ANNOUNCEMENT WHICH TOOK THE FORM OF A PEIPING ORDER BROADCAST TO THE "ROMRADES OF THE LIBERATION ARMY," MEANING THE COMMUNIST ARMY DRAWN UP ON THE MAINLAND OPPOSITE QUEMOY.

THIS SPOKE OF TWO WEEKS MORE OF TRUCE, ARGUED THAT THE REDS WERE NOT CONCERNED ABOUT THE FACT THAT THE NATIONALISTS ARE REINFORCING THEIR QUEMOY DEFENSES AND SAID THE POINT OF THE WHOLE THING IS TO "DRAW A CLEARCUT LINE" BETWEEN CHINESE AND AMERICANS.

THIS IS IN LINE WITH PEIPING'S PROPAGANDA OF THE PAST WEEK THAT NATIONALISTS ON FORMOSA CANNOT DEPEND ON U. S. PROMISES OF SUPPORT AND ANYWAY HAVE INTERESTS CLOSER TO THOSE OF THE MAINLAND COMMUNISTS THAN OF WHAT THE REDS LIKE TO DENOUNCE AS THE "WESTERN IMPERIALISTS."

WHAT IS NOT CLEAR ABOUT THIS IN WASHINGTON'S VIEW IS WHETHER THE COMMUNISTS REALLY THINK THEY CAN USE PEACE FOLLOWING THEIR MONTH-LONG BOMARDMENT OF QUEMOY AS A WEAPON TO SPLIT NATIONALIST CHINA AND THE UNITED STATES, OR WHETHER THEY ARE SIMPLY USING THE BEST PROPAGANDA COVER AVAILABLE TO COVER UP THEIR WITHDRAWAL FROM A MILITARY OPERATION WHICH THEY FOUND UNPROFITABLE IN VIEW OF STERN U.S.-SUPPORTED CHINESE NATIONALIST RESISTANCE.

SEN. MIKE MANSFIELD (D-MONT) SAW THE CEASE-FIRE EXTENSION AS AN ENCOURAGING SIGN.

"IT LOOKS AS IF THE PROPOSED NEGOTIATIONS SUGGESTED IN THE PRESS CONFERENCE BY SECRETARY DULLES NEARLY TWO WEEKS AGO AND BACKED UP BY PRESIDENT EISENHOWER WILL POSSIBLY BEAR FRUIT," MANSFIELD SAID. HE ADDED:

"I HOPE THE SUGGESTIONS LAID DOWN BY THE ADMINISTRATION AT THAT TIME WILL BE THE SUBJECT OF NEGOTIATION AT WARSAW. IF THEY ARE NOT SUCCESSFUL, I HOPE THE MATTER WILL BE REFERRED TO THE UNITED NATIONS.

"WE SHOULD TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS RESPITE IN THE OFFSHORE SITUATION TO SEE IF ON A REASONABLE AND MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE BASIS ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE WORKED OUT TO BRING PEACE AND STABILITY TO THAT AREA. NOW IS THE TIME TO DO IT."

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(300) GREEN-FAR EAST

WASHINGTON, OCT. 12 (AP)-SEN. THEODORE F. GREEN (D-RI) SAID TODAY IT WOULD BE A SERIOUS MISTAKE ON THE PART OF THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS, TO MISCONSTRUE DEMOCRATIC DISCUSSION OF U. S. FOREIGN POLICY AS A SIGN OF WEAKNESS."

THE 91-YEAR-OLD CHAIRMAN OF THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE VISITED SECRETARY OF STATE JOHN FOSTER DULLES AT HIS HOME THIS AFTERNOON.

DULLES ASKED GREEN TO MEET HIM, PRESUMABLY IN AN EFFORT TO PROMOTE BI-PARTISANSHIP ON THE ISSUE OF STANDING FIRM AGAINST COMMUNIST MILITARY PRESSURE AGAINST THE NATIONALIST HELD ISLANDS OFF THE CHINA COAST.

A WEEK AGO GREEN AND PRESIDENT EISENHOWER EXCHANGED SHARP LETTERS ON THE ISSUE OF DEFENDING QUEMOY AND THE MATSU ISLANDS.

GREEN, WHO CAME DOWN FROM PROVIDENCE, R.I., SPENT 55 MINUTES IN DULLES' HOUSE. WILLIAM MACOMBER, ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF CONGRESSIONAL AFFAIRS SAT IN ON THE DISCUSSION.

GREEN HAD A PREPARED STATEMENT WHEN HE LEFT DULLES' HOUSE. IT SAID: "WHILE WE DO NOT AGREE ON CERTAIN POINTS, WE ARE AGREED THAT WITH RESPECT TO THE SITUATION IN THE FORMOSA STRAIT IT WOULD BE A SERIOUS MISTAKE ON THE PART OF THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS TO MISCONSTRUE DEMOCRATIC DISCUSSION AS A SIGN OF WEAKNESS."

GREEN WAS ASKED TO SPELL OUT WHAT HE MEANT BY SAYING THAT HE DID NOT AGREE WITH DULLES "ON CERTAIN POINTS."

"I DON'T KNOW HOW TO SPELL," GREEN ANSWERED WITH A SMILE AND ADDED HE DID NOT WANT TO GO INTO DETAILS.

THE CONTROVERSY ON THE ADMINISTRATION'S FAR EASTERN POLICY SHARPENED WHEN GREEN TOLD EISENHOWER THAT THE U. S. MAY BECOME INVOLVED IN MILITARY HOSTILITIES IN DEFENSE OF QUEMOY AND MATSU AND CALLED IT "A REAL DANGER."

EISENHOWER, ANSWERING GREEN'S LETTER, REJECTED THE ARGUMENT THAT THERE WOULD BE DISUNITY IN THE NATION AND AMONG THE ALLIES IF THE UNITED STATES ENGAGED IN MILITARY ACTION IN THE FORMOSA STRAIT.

WHEN GREEN EMERGED FROM DULLES' HOUSE, THE SECRETARY THANKED HIM FOR HIS VISIT AND SAID THE TWO HAD "A USEFUL TALK."

DULLES HAD NO FURTHER STATEMENT TO MAKE.

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--95--PRECEDE TOKYO

WASHINGTON, OCT. 12 (AP)-THE RUSSIANS TESTED ANOTHER NUCLEAR WEAPON OF LARGE YIELD IN THE ARCTIC TODAY.

THIS WAS ANNOUNCED BY THE U.S. ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION.

IT WAS THE SEVENTH TEST DETONATION SET OFF BY THE SOVIETS SINCE SEPT. 30.

JAPAN'S CENTRAL METEOROLOGICAL AGENCY HAD RECORDED ABNORMAL ATMOSPHERIC PRESSURE BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN CAUSED BY A SOVIET NUCLEAR BLAST.

THE ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION SAID THE LATEST RUSSIAN TEST TOOK PLACE NORTH OF THE ARCTIC CIRCLE.

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TOKYO, MONDAY, OCT.13 (AP)-JAPAN'S CENTRAL METEOROLOGICAL AGENCY TODAY SAID IT RECORDED ABNORMAL ATMOSPHERIC PRESSURE BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN CAUSED BY A SOVIET NUCLEAR BLAST.

AN AGENCY SPOKESMAN SAID THE ABNORMAL ATMOSPHERIC PRESSURE WAS THE THIRD RECORDED IN JAPAN SINCE SOVIET RUSSIA RESUMED NUCLEAR WEAPONS TESTS SEPT.30.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE BLAST APPARENTLY OCCURRED "NORTH NORTHWEST OF JAPAN QUITE A DISTANCE AWAY" IN THE GENERAL DIRECTION OF THE SECOND BLAST DETECTED HERE OCT.1.

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MINNEAPOLIS, OCT. 12 (AP)-A REPUBLICAN "TRUTH SQUAD" SAID TODAY RED CHINA'S EXTENSION OF ITS QUEMOY CEASE-FIRE IS EVIDENCE THE EISENHOWER ADMINISTRATION IS DEALING WITH INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS WITH A FIRM HAND.

SENS. CARL CURTIS OF NEBRASKA AND FRANK CARLSON OF KANSAS, WHO ARE FOLLOWING FORMER PRESIDENT HARRY S. TRUMAN'S POLITICAL TOUR, TOLD A NEWS CONFERENCE HERE:

"THE PAST SIX YEARS OF SUCCESS IN OUR FOREIGN POLICY ARE QUITE A CONTRAST TO THE CONDUCT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS ON THE PART OF HARRY TRUMAN."

SEN. CARLSON SAID TRUMAN "SHOULDN'T BE SO DISTURBED ABOUT THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION -- AFTER ALL, WE WERE AT WAR WHEN HE WAS IN OFFICE."

TRUMAN ADDRESSED A DEMOCRATIC-FARMER-LABOR BEAN FEED RALLY IN NEIGHBORING ST. PAUL LAST NIGHT, FOLLOWING AN APPEARANCE IN MINOT, N.D.

THE FORMER PRESIDENT SAID HIS DEMOCRATIC ADMINISTRATION WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PROGRESS OF THE MISSILE PROGRAM AND THAT THE REPUBLICANS HAD DAMAGED IT AFTER HE LEFT OFFICE.

SEN. CURTIS SAID ARMY MISSILE EXPERT WERNER VON BRAUN IS ON RECORD AS STATING THAT THIS COUNTRY "HAD NO MISSILE PROGRAM OF WORTH FROM 1945 TO 1951."

"THE FACTS ARE," CURTIS SAID, "THAT TRUMAN HELD UP 75 MILLION DOLLARS FOR MISSILE DEVELOPMENT IN 1947 AND 735 MILLION IN 1950."

IN ANSWERING CHARGES BY TRUMAN THAT THE GOP BROKE ITS PROMISES ON FARM PARITY, SEN. CARLSON SAID IT WAS A DEMOCRATIC-CONTROLLED CONGRESS THAT STOPPED THE REPUBLICAN-SPONSORED PUBLIC LAW 480 WHICH WOULD, HE SAID, HAVE DONE MUCH TO LOWER THE CURRENT GRAIN SURPRLUSES, THEREBY AIDING THE MARKET.

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BY EDWIN SHANKE

CAIRO, OCT. 12 (AP)-ARAB LEAGUE LEADERS HELD A CLOSED EMERGENCY SESSION TODAY IN HOPES OF FINDING A WAY TO HEAL THE SPLIT BETWEEN THE UNITED ARAB REPUBLIC AND TUNISIA. THE BREAK THREATENS THE RECENT TREND TOWARD ARAB SOLIDARITY.

A FULL COUNCIL MEETING WAS CALLED FOR TOMORROW TO DISCUSS THE BITTER WRANGLE BETWEEN THE U.A.R. AND TUNISIA WHICH BROKE INTO THE OPEN AT YESTERDAY'S SESSION.

THE U.A.R. DELEGATION STALKED OUT OF THE CONFERENCE TO PROTEST TUNISIAN CHARGES THAT SOME BIG ARAB COUNTRIES ARE TRYING TO DOMINATE OTHER ARAB STATES.

THE TUNISIAN DELEGATION ANNOUNCED IT WAS BOYCOTTING THE REMAINDER OF THE CURRENT AUTUMN SESSION OF THE ARAB LEAGUE BECAUSE "COLLABORATION IS IMPOSSIBLE" AS LONG AS STRAINED RELATIONS CONTINUE.

NEITHER THE U.A.R. NOR TUNISIAN DELEGATION HEADS TURNED UP AT TODAY'S PRIVATE MEETING.

THE TUNISIAN DELEGATION HEAD, HABIB AL SHATTY, ISSUED A SEVEN-PAGE GOVERNMENT STATEMENT AT THE CONFERENCE LAST NIGHT ACCUSING THE U.A.R. "INTERFERENCE IN TUNISIAN AFFAIRS BY GIVING ASYLUM TO A GROUP WHO ARE ENEMIES OF TUNISIA."

THE STATEMENT MENTIONED SALEH BEN YOUSSEF, ONE-TIME COLLABORATOR OF TUNISIAN PRESIDENT HABIB BOURGUIBA IN THE FIGHT FOR INDEPENDENCE FROM FRANCE BUT NOW UNDER THE DEATH SENTENCE IN TUNISIA FOR TREASON.

THE U.A.R. GOVERNMENT HAS NOT YET COMMENTED ON THSE TUNISIAN ALLEGATIONS.

YOUSSEF, IN CAIRO, HOWEVER, TOLD THE ASSOCIATED PRESS IN A TELEPHONE INTERVIEW THE CHARGES WERE "ALL LIES."

ANGRY CHARGES AND COUNTERCHARGES BETWEEN THE U.A.R. AND TUNISIA ALSO PUSHED INTO THE BACKGROUND ALGERIAN PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT DEMANDS FOR 12 MILLION EGYPTIAN POUNDS (34,440,000) TO CONTINUE THE FIGHT FOR INDEPENDENCE FROM FRANCE.

THIS WAS ORIGINALLY THE THORNIEST PROBLEM FACING THE LEAGUE, WHICH HAS BEEN UNABLE TO DECIDE WHETHER TO PROVIDE THE MONEY.

AL SHATTY SAID TUNISIA WILL PAY ITS SHARE TO THE FUND WHENEVER IT IS VOTED DESPITE DIFFERENCES WITH THE U.A.R. AND THE BOYCOTT.

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DAMASCUS, OCT 12-(AP)-THE UNITED ARAB REPUBLIC AND IRAQ HAVE INITIALED A SERIES OF ECONOMIC, COMMERCIAL AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION ACCORDS, IT WAS ANNOUNCED TODAY. THEY WERE DESCRIBED AS A NUCLEUS OF A HOPED-FOR PAN-ARAB COMMON MARKET.

THE ANNOUNCEMENT WAS MADE IN CAIRO, BAGHDAD AND DAMASCUS IN A STATEMENT OUTLINING THRAE AGREEMENTS INITIALED IN THE IRAQI CAPITAL YESTERDAY. THE ACTION FOLLOWED 20 DAYS OF NEGOTIATIONS. THEY WILL BE PUT INTO EFFECT 15 DAYS AFTER THEIR FORMAL RATIFICATION BY BOTH GOVERNMENTS.

THE STATEMENT SAID ONE ACCORD PROVIDES FOR COORDINATION OF BOTH COUNTRIES' FOREIGN TRADE, CUSTOMS AFFAIRS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, PLUS ENCOURAGEMENT OF COMMON INVESTMENT ENTERPRISES.

THE SECOND ACCORD PROVIDES FOR ENLARGMENT OF TRADE BETWEEN BOTH COUNTRIES BY ELIMINATING OR REDUCING CUSTOMS DUTIES ON THEIR LOCAL AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS AND NATURAL RESOURCES AND BY FACILITATING TRADE.

THE THIRD STIPULATES THAT BOTH COUNTRIES EXTEND ECONOMIC TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE BY EXCHANGING EXPERTS AND MISSIONS.

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ADVANCE FOR MONDAY AMS OCT. 13.

INTERPRETING THE NEWS

BY WILLIAM N. OATIS

(ADVANCE)--UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., OCT 12 (AP)-IF YOU HAVE AN IDEA FOR A U.N. RESOLUTION, DON'T JUST TALK ABOUT IT. INTRODUCE IT--FAST. OTHERWISE, THE RUSSIANS MAY BEAT YOU TO IT.

GOVERNMENTS JEALOUS OF THEIR OWN BRAIN-CHILDREN MIGHT WELL TAKE THAT AS A RULE OF OPERATION HERE.

IDEAS FOR RESOLUTIONS, ARE IN THE PUBLIC DOMAIN. ANYBODY IS ENTITLED TO PICK THEM UP AND USE THEM.

SO THERE IS NOTHING WRONG IF SOME RESOLUTIONS THE RUSSIANS HAVE PUT BEFORE THE CURRENT SESSION OF THE U.N. GENERAL ASSEMBLY MAY STEM FROM IDEAS FIRST HEARD IN OTHER PEOPLE'S SPEECHES.

THERE IS NO WAY OF PROVING THAT THE RUSSIANS THEMSELVES DIDN'T INVENT THE IDEAS FIRST, BEFORE THE SPEECHES WERE MADE. BUT IT IS INTERESTING TO NOTE THAT:

1. ON JULY 18, 1955, AT THE GENEVA SUMMIT CONFERENCE, FRENCH PREMIER EDGAR FAURE SUGGESTED THAT GOVERNMENTS CUT THEIR MILITARY BUDGETS BY SET ANNUAL PERCENTAGES AND POOL THE SAVINGS TO HELP BUILD UP UNDERDEVELOPED COUNTRIES.

2. ON SEPT. 18, 1958, SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTER ANDREI A. GROMYKO SUBMITTED A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THAT BRITAIN, FRANCE, THE SOVIET UNION AND THE UNITED STATES REDUCE MWLITARY BUDGETS 10-15 PER CENT AND SET ASIDE PART OF THE SAVINGS FOR "ECONOMIC AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT OF UNDERDEVELOPED COUNTRIES."

3. ON JAN. 14, 1957, U.S. DELEGATE HENRY CABOT LODGE TOLD THE ASSEMBLY'S POLITICAL COMMITTEE THAT ONE OBJECT OF FUTURE DISARMAMENT NEGOTIATIONS SHOULD BE "TO ENSURE THAT RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES CONCERNING THE PROPULSION OF OBJECTS THROUGH OUTER SPACE BE DEVOTED EXCLUSIVELY TO PEACEFUL AND SCIENTIFIC PURPOSES."

4. ON MARCH 17, 1958, SOVIET DELEGATE ARKADY A. SOBOLEV ASKED THAT THE ASSEMBLY IN ITS PRESENT SESSION SHOULD DISCUSS "THE BANNING OF THE USE OF COSMIC SPACE FOR MILITARY PURPOSES, THE ELIMINATION OF FOREIGN BASES ON THE TERRITORIES OF OTHER COUNTRIES, AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN THE STUDY OF COSMIC SPACE."

5. ON JAN. 9, 1958, IN HIS STATE-OF-THE-UNION MESSAGE TO CONGRESS, PRESIDENT EISENHOWER INVITED THE SOVIET UNION TO JOIN THE UNITED STATES IN A CAMPAIGN TO WIPE OUT MALARIA AND IN "OTHER CAMPAIGNS AGAINST SUCH DISEASES AS CANCER AND HEART TROUBLE," AS A STEP TOWARD "A FULLSCALE, COOPERATIVE PROGRAM OF SCIENCE FOR PEACE."

6. ON SEPT. 17, 1958, UKRAINIAN FOREIGN MINISTER LUKA F. PALAMARCHUK REQUESTED THAT THE ASSEMBLY DISCUSS "THE ORGANIZATION OF AN INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH AND MEDICAL RESEARCH YEAR." NEXT DAY, HE SUBMITTED A RESOLUTION TO ORGANIZE SUCH A YEAR IN 1960 WITH SUCH OBJECTS AS JOINT SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AGAINST MALARIA, SMALLPOX, TUBERCULOSIS, CHOLERA, CANCER, CARDIOVASCULAR AILMENTS, LEPROSY AND POLIO.

THE THREE SUBJECTS PROPOSED BY THE SOVIET AND UKRAINIAN DELEGATIONS NOW ARE ON THE ASSEMBLY'S AGENDA.

SO IS AN ITEM PROPOSED BY THE UNITED STATES--"PROGRAM OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF OUTER SPACE." THE U.S. PROPOSAL WAS HANDED IN ON SEPT.2, 1958--ALMOST SIX MONTHS AFTER THE ROUGHLY CORRESPONDING SOVIET PROPOSAL.

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LONDON, MONDAY, OCT. 13 (AP)-THE DAILY MAIL REPORTED TODAY SECURITY OFFICERS HAVE ARRESTED A BRITISH AIRMAN IN CONNECTION WITH ALLEGED LEAKAGE OF SECRETS TO RUSSIA FROM BRITAIN'S ROCKET TESTING BASE AT WOOMERA, AUSTRALIA.

THE AIR MINISTRY CONFIRMED AN AIRMAN HAS BEEN DETAINED AND IS SUSPECTED OF "IMPROPER USE OF INFORMATION," BUT IT DID NOT NAME RUSSIA.

A SPOKESMAN SAID THE INVESTIGATION IS CONTINUING AND "NO FURTER COMMENT CAN BE MADE AT THIS STAGE."

THE AIRMAN WAS NOT IDENTIFIED.

THE DAILY MAIL SAID HE WAS A 21-YEAR-OLD RAF DRAFTEE. IT SAID HE HAD BEEN RETURNED FROM AUSTRALIA AND NOW IS UNDER CLOSE ARREST.

THE ADELAIDE, AUSTRALIA, NEWS SAID DOCUMENTS ABOUT GUIDED MISSILES HAD BEEN TAKEN FROM THE WEAPONS RESEARCH ESTABLISHMENT AT SALISBURY, NEAR ADELAIDE, AND SHOWN TO UNAUTHORIZED PERSONS BELIEVED TO BE COMMUNIST SPIES.

THE NEWSPAPER SAID THERE IS STRONG EVIDENCE THAT THE DISCLOSURES MIGHT UNCOVER A SITUATION AS STARTLING AS THE KLAUS FUCHS ATOM SPY CASE NINE YEARS AGO.

THE SALISBURY WEAPONS RESEARCH ESTABLISHMENT IS THE LABORATORY AND DEVELOPMENT CENTER FOR ROCKETS AND MISSILES TESTED AT WOOMERA RANGE.

SEVERAL HUNDRED SERVICEMEN ARE EMPLOYED AT NEARBY EDINBURGH AIRFIELD AND ARE ASSIGNED DUTY PERIODS AT WOOMERA.

ACTUAL FIRINGS ARE CARRIED OUT BY SERVICE TEAMS ONCE THE MISSILES HAVE REACHED THE PRACTICAL STAGE. THESE TEAMS HAVE ACCESS TO HIGHLY CLASSIFIED INFORMATION ABOUT THE INNER WORKINGS OF ROCKETS.

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